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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:

a. (*sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau*) a total of 10 sheets, as follows:

sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.

b. (*sent to the International Bureau only*) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).

4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

- The international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages	3-13, 16-18	, as originally filed/furnished
pages*	14, 15, 15/1	received by this Authority on
pages*	1, 2, 2/1	received by this Authority on

the claims:

pages	4, 5	, as originally filed/furnished
pages*		, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages*	3, 6-13	received by this Authority on
pages*		received by this Authority on

the drawings:

pages	1-3B, 5-45C	, as originally filed/furnished
pages*	4A-4C	received by this Authority on
pages*		received by this Authority on

- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____ 1, 2
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (specify): _____
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (specify): _____
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- the entire international application.
 claims Nos. 7-13

because:

- the said international application, or the said claims Nos. _____ relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):
- the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
- the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 7-13.
- the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:
the written form has not been furnished
 does not comply with the standard
the computer readable form has not been furnished
 does not comply with the standard
- the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.
- see Supplemental Box for further details.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	3-6	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	3-6	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	3-6	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 5-229660 A (Shoji YUYAMA), September 7, 1993, Full text; all drawings (Family: none)

Document 2: JP 2000-72204 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), March 7, 2000, Full text; all drawings (Family: none)

Document 3: JP 3082647 U (Sanko Spring Kabushiki Kaisha), December 21, 2001, Full text; all drawings (Family: none)

Document 4: JP 62-502870 A (ATEN, Edward, M.), November 19, 1987, Page 16, upper left column, line 16 to lower left column, line 21; all drawings & EP 217934 A & US 4674652 A & WO 86/06048 A1

Document 5: JP 7-285674 A (Kazuto Ando), October 31, 1995, Full text; all drawings (Family: none)

Document 6: JP 2-28406 A (K.K. Tokyo Shokai), January 30, 1990, Full text; all drawings, especially Fig.6 (Family: none)

The invention relating to claim 3 does not appear to involve an inventive step based on document 1, document 2, document 3 cited in the ISR, and newly cited documents 5 and 6. Document 1 and document 5 describe "dispensing member", and document 2 (pusher 12), document 3 (wave spring) and document 6 (automotive vehicle 102) describe "means for energizing". Further, a chuck unit 21 is disposed on the outer part of a cassette in document 2 (in the condition of Fig. 5); therefore, the constitution for the cassette itself is found to "maintain in a holding state enabling removable from the outer part of the cassette".

The inventions relating to claims 4-6 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1-3, 5 and 6, and document 4 cited in the ISR. Document 5 describes providing a sensor, and document 4 describes providing means for locking.